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NO.: W-16, July 26, 1961,

SUBJECT: FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS: Commendation for Mr. Paul A. Smith, Jr.

TO: The American Embassy, MOSCOW

The Department and other United States Federal agencies concerned with the collection of foreign publications consider the performance of FSO Paul A. Smith, Jr., Publications Officer at the American Embassy, Moscow, to be worthy of commendation. The Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) has recommended therefore that the Department transmit the following commendation to the post:

1. The selection of Soviet publications by Mr. Smith has reflected a very sound understanding of the research and intelligence needs of the end-user agencies in the program;

2. His initiative in reporting on various aspects of the publications program has been primarily responsible for completing gaps in information at this end. Mr. Smith's despatches 626 of March 14, 1961 concerning his efforts to obtain Soviet publications from Moscow Libraries and 593 of March 3, 1961 which reported his efforts to obtain Aeroflot publications are some examples of this type of reporting;

3. The resourcefulness of the RPO in attempting to obtain subscriptions to Soviet Republic and Oblast level serial publications has also been noted;

4. Quantitatively, the selection of books and monographs exceeded all previous efforts and amounted to approximately 50,000 volumes during fiscal year 1961.

The Department concurs in the views expressed by the USIB Committee resolution, and is pleased to inform the post that a copy of this commendation is being forwarded to PER for placement in Mr. Smith's performance file. The Embassy is requested to inform Mr. Smith of the foregoing.

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